

EARTHQUAKE



When an earthquake strikes your area, for a minute or two the “solid” earth moves like the deck of a ship. What you do during and immediately after the tremor could help reduce damage and loss of life.

During the Shaking

- If outside, stay outside – if indoors, stay indoors. Most injuries during an earthquake occur when people attempt to enter or exit buildings.
- Stay indoors and take cover under a sturdy object or in the hallway. Stay away from glass.
- If the earthquake catches you outside, move away from building or utility wires.
- Do not run through or near buildings. If you are in a moving car, stop as quickly as safety permits, but stay in the vehicle.

After the Shaking

- Do not use candles or open flames. Douse all fires.
- If you see electrical damage, switch off electrical power at the main panel.
- Visually inspect utility lines, chimneys, and appliances for damage.
- If you smell gas, open windows and shut off the main valve. Then leave the building and report gas leakage to the authorities.
- If water pipes are damaged cut off the water supply at the main valve.
- Turn on your radio to get the latest emergency bulletins.
- Use the phone only to report a life-threatening emergency.

Do not go sight seeing. Aftershocks may occur for several days.